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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

Children's Hospital Projects. Grant Program. Bond Act. Initiative Statute.

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponent of a new initiative has received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for her measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PROJECTS. GRANT PROGRAM. BOND ACT.
INITIATIVE. Authorizes \$750,000,000 in general obligation bonds, to be repaid from state's General Fund, to fund grants to eligible children's hospitals. Twenty percent of bonds shall be available for grants to certain University of California general acute care hospitals whose missions focus on children with illnesses such as leukemia, heart defects, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis, and which meet other stated requirements.

The proponent, Susan Maddox, must collect 373,816 signatures of registered voters for her measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is March 1, 2004. The proponent can be reached at (916) 442-7757.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.

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